Strange Diseases in Villages of Orissa

235. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news item "Strange disease afflicts Orissa village" appearing in the "Times of India", New Delhi dated April 29, 1993: and

(b) what steps Government have taken to save the persons from the strange disease?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the State Government, the inhabitants of two villages in the Bolgarh area of Khurda District were found to suffer from fluorosis. After examination the patients were provided necessary treatment. Prevrntive steps by providing safe drinking water to the inhabitants are being taken.

Representation from Pilkhuva Nagar Vikas Samiti regarding non-stoppage of Lucknow Mail

*236 SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there are about 15000 monthly ticket holders who are regular commuters between Delhi and Hapur on the Delhi-Moradabad Section of Northern Railway;

(b) whether Government have received any representation from 'Pilkhuva Nagar Vikas Samiti' Pilkhuva, pointing out the hardships caused to these commuters or account of non-stoppage of Lucknow Mail 4229-Dn which is most convenient train for them to board at Pilkhuva;

(c) whether it is a fact that Commuters have in their representation asked for redressal of their grievances; and

(d) if so, what are the demands and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) On an average; 1763 passengers holding Monthly Season Tickets and Quarterly Season Tickets are travelling from Hapur to Ghaziabad, Delhi and New Delhi.

(b) and (c) Provision of stoppage of 4229 Up Lukhnow-New Delhi Mail at Pilkhuva for the convenience of daily passengers is not desirable as it will cause inconvenience to long distance passengers. Moreover, alternative services in 4042 Mussoorie Express, 1 NDH Shuttle and 4047 Balamau Express are available.

(d) Does not arise.

रेलगाड़ियों में प्रथम श्रेणी के डिब्बों को समाप्त किया जाना

*237. **मौलाना अबदुल्ला खान आजमी** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार रेलगाड़ियों में प्रथम श्रेणी के डिब्बों को समाप्त करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और इस संबंध में अब तक क्या प्रगति हुई है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० सी० लेंका) : (क) मेल/एक्सप्रेस गाड़ियों तथा दिन के समय चलने वाली इंटर-सिटी एक्सप्रेस गाड़ियों में पहले दर्जे के सवारी डिब्बों के स्थान पर क्रमश: 2-टियर वातानुकूल शयनयानों तथा वातानुकूल कुर्सीयानों की उत्तरोत्तर व्यवस्था करने का प्रस्ताव है ;

(ख) 156 जोड़ी रात्रिकालीन मेल/एक्सप्रेस गाड़ियों तथा 40 जोड़ी दिन के समय चलने वाली गाडियों में क्रमश: